

members and friends here in DeKalb County, Georgia, on December 16, 2010, at William Booth Towers; and

Whereas, the Lord has been her Shepherd throughout her life and she prays daily and is leading by example a blessed life; and

Whereas, we are honored that she is celebrating the milestone of her 80th birthday in the 4th District of Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Ms. Lillie McGowan for an exemplary life which is an inspiration to all,

Now Therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR. do hereby proclaim December 16, 2010, as Ms. Lillie McGowan Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, This 16th day of December, 2010.

IN REMEMBRANCE AND HONOR OF
CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS ON
THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS 83RD
BIRTHDAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of one of our most esteemed colleagues, Congressman Tom Lantos, on the anniversary of his 83rd birthday on February 1, 2011.

In 1980, Tom was elected to the House of Representatives, the first and only Holocaust survivor to serve in the United States Congress. He was a staunch supporter of an enlightened foreign policy and human rights. Tom served as Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs and was a co-founder of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. The work he began and his legacy live on today through the great work of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission and the Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice.

Three years ago, we lost a trusted colleague and very good friend. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in remembrance of our honorable and esteemed friend. He humbly served the country in this chamber for more than 25 years. It has been three years since we lost Tom and he is greatly missed by his colleagues, friends, family and the countless lives his work has touched.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70TH AN-
NIVERSARY OF MILDRED
HEMMONS-CARTER RECEIVING
HER PILOT'S LICENSE AS THE
FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FE-
MALE PILOT IN ALABAMA

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to a very special Alabamian today, Mrs. Mildred Hemmons-Carter.

Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was born in Benson, Alabama, on September 12, 1921. She began

her college career at Tuskegee Institute at the young age of 15 and graduated in 1941 with a degree in Business. Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was a work study student under Mr. G.L. Washington, who, along with Tuskegee Institute President Dr. Patterson, spearheaded the Civilian Pilot Training Program and received her pilot's license on February 1, 1941.

Mrs. Hemmons-Carter was the first African-American woman to receive her pilot's license in the State of Alabama.

She continued her interest in aviation, and has lived her dreams of flying through her husband, Ret. Col. Herbert E. Carter, an original Tuskegee Airman.

I am proud to honor the 70th anniversary of this important milestone and applaud Mildred Hemmons-Carter for her work in aviation as a trailblazer in Alabama.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD "RICK"
GRAMMIER

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, the United States has been fortunate to have dynamic and dedicated leaders who willingly and unselfishly give their time and talent and make our country a better place to live and work. I rise today to recognize and honor one of those individuals, Richard "Rick" Grammier. Rick passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2011. He will be deeply missed.

Rick was the beloved son of Joseph and Elizabeth Grammier. After high school, Rick received his Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1977. Rick was a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army and served with a field artillery unit as a Captain. Following his honorable discharge, Rick began working in Executive Management with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California. He earned his Master's Degree in computer and electrical engineering from Cal Poly Pomona.

Rick joined JPL in 1989 and was the Director for Solar System Exploration. Previously, he had served as the Deputy Director for Solar System Exploration and he has contributed to numerous flight projects including as the Command and Data Subsystem Manager for Cassini, the Project Engineer and Deputy Project Manager for Stardust, the Project Manager for Deep Impact, and the Project Manager for Juno. Rick also managed the Laboratory's Office of Mission Assurance.

Rick was awarded the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal for Cassini, as well as two NASA Outstanding Leadership Medals for his accomplishments on Stardust and Deep Impact. JPL Director Charles Elachi believed that, "Rick brought great strength to the Executive Council in his leadership role overseeing the Laboratory's robotic missions to the planets and small bodies. This is a great personal loss for me and for the Laboratory."

Rick leaves behind his beloved wife, Laura, children, Daniel, Dave, Matthew, Jackson and Jessica, his stepmother, Jeaneal Grammier, and a special nephew, Chris Grammier.

Although I never had the privilege of meeting Rick, in reading about his life I have no doubt that he will always be remembered for

his incredible intelligence, work ethic, generosity, and love of family. His dedication to his work and family is a testament to a life lived well and a legacy that will continue. I extend my condolences to Rick's family, friends and co-workers; although Rick may be gone, the light and goodness he brought to the world remain and will never be forgotten.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, I am not recorded because I was absent due to an injury. Had I been present the week of January 24th, I would have voted aye on rollcall Nos. 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, and 23. I would have voted nay on rollcall Nos. 19, 24 and 25.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF ROBERT SARGENT
SHRIVER

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Robert Sargent Shriver, founding Director of the Peace Corps and driving force behind the War on Poverty, who entered eternal life on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, just two days before the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of his brother-in-law, John F. Kennedy. Beloved by all who met him, Sargent Shriver embodied the greatness of his generation, devoting his 95 years to fighting for peace and against poverty.

The scion of a prominent Maryland family, Sargent Shriver received his bachelor's and law degrees from Yale before becoming a successful businessman, lawyer, and Newsweek editor. He met Eunice Kennedy and began managing the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, marrying Eunice in 1953. A savvy organizer and staunch civil rights advocate, Sargent Shriver quickly became both an indispensable part of the Kennedy family and an outstanding public servant in his own right. Kennedy called for service and sacrifice; Shriver answered and animated that clarion call.

A World War II Navy Lieutenant and Purple Heart recipient, Sargent Shriver understood service in his soul. When Kennedy created the Peace Corps in 1961, he handed Shriver the signing pen and the opportunity to direct a new force for peace and engagement with the world. Sargent Shriver undertook this effort with his typical energy and zeal, working tirelessly to bring a small measure of peace to the world, and a piece of the world to the thousands of young Americans who shouldered backpacks and the responsibilities of global citizenship. My son Paul was one of them, and his Peace Corps service in Nepal lit his life and continues to guide his vision and his values today.

"The Peace Corps door is open to all who are willing to enter," Shriver once said. "All they have to do is volunteer." Many who